

REMARKS

The above-referenced application was finally rejected most recently on November 20, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently with this amendment to further prosecution. Accordingly, this amendment responds to the final office action most recently issued wherein claims 17, 18 and 20 were rejected as anticipated by Miller, U.S. Patent No. 4,532,743, and wherein claim 19 was allowed. By way of this amendment, claims 17 and 20 are amended, thus making claims 17-20 pending, with claims 17, 18 and 20 being at issue.

With respect to claims 17 and 20, the independent claims currently under rejection, each has been amended to specify, *inter alia*, a sectional door having a plurality of hingedly interconnected panels as opposed to a single panel for a sectional door as previously claimed. Moreover, claim 17 specifies a frame having a horizontal member coupled to a hinge member hingedly connecting the panel to another sectional door panel, while claim 20 specifies coupling a hinge member to the frame and to another sectional door panel.

Miller fails to disclose such elements. As identified in previous responses, Miller is related to a sliding glass door having an outer frame within which a first panel is fixed and a second door panel traverses back and forth relative to the fixed panel so as to allow the door to open and close.

However, it can clearly be seen that Miller does not disclose a sectional door panel, much less one including a plurality of hingedly interconnected panels wherein at least one panel has a hinge member coupling one sectional door panel to another. In fact, nowhere in Miller is a single hinge disclosed. Accordingly, the anticipation rejection of the claims based on Miller should be withdrawn¹.

¹ Anticipation requires the disclosure in a single piece of prior art of each and every limitation of a claimed invention." *Rockwell International Corp. v. United States*, 47 U.S.P.Q.2d 1027 (Fed. Cir. 1998).



In light of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that claims 17-20 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit same. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned.

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